

Effective July 23, 2007, Block 5, Blanket Availability Authorization, of the NF-1676, "NASA Scientific and Technical Information (STI) Document Availability Authorization (DAA)" was re-instituted by NASA.

Block 5 allows all documents from a specific contract, grant/cooperative agreement number, or project number to be processed under one DAA.

Requirements include that one initial DAA be fully signed and approved and put on file at the originating Center's publications office. That DAA must state that all documents processed under the specific contract, grant/cooperative agreement, or project (as indicated on the DAA) can be disseminated in a similar fashion (as indicated on the DAA).

Subsequent documents that fall under this blanket must have that number clearly affixed when they are sent through the Center publications office and on to the NASA Center for Aero-Space Information (CASI).

The originator must send with the document a notification (a pre-written memo or email is acceptable) stating that "the attached document is being processed and released under the blanket waiver, dated XXXXX, for grant, contract, or project number XXXX."

The documents still need to go through the publications office and be sent to CASI so that the Center can track them and NASA can have them archived for future use. The blanket authority does not allow Centers organizations to simply self-release without going through the above steps.